

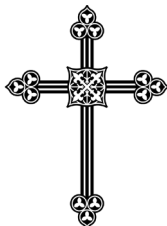
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 14, 2021



OUR MISSION

To bring by the power of the Holy Spirit as many people as possible to know, love, and serve God as revealed through Jesus Christ; and to be transformed into spiritually renewed disciples of Jesus who know, love and serve one another and the world.



ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

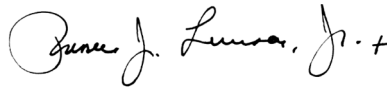
FROM THE RECTOR

IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD,
JESUS CHRIST, WELCOME.

Jesus' first words to His earliest disciples were very simple, *"Come, follow Me..."* (Matthew 4:19) It was a gentle invitation to take seriously the wonderful journey of faith found in Christ. For more than 2,000 years, people of all ages have responded to that invitation through a personal decision to follow Jesus Christ in a community of prayer, study and service. St. Martin's is just such a place.

St. Martin's is a member Church in the Diocese of Texas, The Episcopal Church in the United States of America and the greater worldwide Anglican Communion consisting of more than 77 million people. Our Parish Church considers it a tremendous honor to be a place where men, women, youth and children can grow in their personal relationship with our Lord, come to know and use their own spiritual gifts, and discover a personal ministry to be expressed both in the Church, the greater Houston area and beyond.

I want to personally invite you to participate in our worship services and as many of our activities and ministries as your own commitments and time will allow.



The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr., Rector

Prayers Before Worship

O Lord, we thank You that You have called us as members of Your family into this beautiful house of God. Grant that here we may feel Your presence and the beauty of Your peace, and that, as we return to our homes and work, we may sense Your guiding hand and loving care and be used in the service of our neighbors, our nation and the world, and all You send our way, through Him Who came not to condemn the world but to save it, Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***

Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your provision for our church family, especially the resources we need to expand and develop our church campus in order to further the work of Your Gospel in this place. Give us strength and grace as the construction takes place, that it would go as You will, for Your purposes and Your kingdom. Bless and keep safe all those who labor on our behalf. All this we ask through the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***



Frequently Asked Questions

How do I register for the next in-person service?

Registration opens at 9 a.m. on Monday for Sunday in-person services for that week. To register for The Church or The Family Table services, visit at bit.ly/smecworshipsvp or call 713-621-3040. ***It is not necessary to register for Wednesday in-person services.***

What do I do when I arrive?

Please check in when you arrive.

- Seating is on a first come, first serve basis. When seated, use the six feet signs in the pews to social distance yourself from the people sitting next to you. Ushers are available to assist if needed.
- Doors to The Church open at 11:20 a.m. for the Wednesday service.
- Doors to The Church open at 9:20 a.m. for the Sunday service.
- Doors to Bagby Parish Hall open at 8:45 a.m. for The Family Table service.
- Doors close 5 minutes before the service starts. We appreciate your understanding and assistance in keeping on schedule.

What if my plans changed and I cannot attend?

Please cancel your reservation to allow others the opportunity to have your seat. The link to cancel can be found in your confirmation email. If the number of people in your reservation changes:

- For The Church, please contact Kathy Johnson at 713-985-3834.
- For The Family Table, please contact Beth Ollenburger at 713-830-4146.

Will childcare be available?

Currently child care is available for Sunday in-person worship only. ***Availability is limited.*** For additional information and to register, visit bit.ly/smecworshipsvp or contact Holli Kight at 713-985-3816 or hkight@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Will I be able to use the Bibles and/or Books of Common Prayer that are in the pew racks?

No. All materials, including hymnals and Books of Common Prayer, have been removed for your safety. All service information will be included in the worship bulletin. You are welcome to bring your own Book of Common Prayer or Bible to use.

Will valet parking be available?

While valet parking is unavailable at this time, family members may drop off others under porte cochères.

Are services available online?

Yes, we will continue to live stream our services on YouTube and Facebook.

Now that we have reopened for worship, has St. Martin's campus also reopened?

Essential staff continues to work on campus as needed, but the campus remains closed.

- Café St. Martin's Curbside is available for lunch Monday–Friday. The menu and instructions for ordering and pick-up are available at stmartinsepiscopal.org/cafe-st-martins. Please contact Chrissy Kana at cafe@stmartinsepiscopal.org for further questions.
- St. Martin's Gift Shoppe is open 9 a.m.–noon Sundays and 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Monday–Thursday. Private appointments are available by contacting giftshoppe@stmartinsepiscopal.org or 713-985-3840.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT **ST. MARTIN'S**

MARCH 14–20

ADULTS

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

Basic Bible Study will not be offered this Sunday due to Spring Break. Class will resume next Sunday, March 21.

Family Life Class

"Parenting in a Pandemic"

Distributed Sunday morning via email



Join the Rev. Alex D. Graham III and other special guests as they discuss the hardships of raising children during the crisis of COVID-19. This four-week series will equip parents with the tools to support their children and teach them appropriate coping skills during the pandemic.

This week's guest is Nancy Simpson, LPC. She is a Christian therapist who has taught courses on marriage and family counseling, and educational psychology at Houston Baptist University. Nancy is currently a counselor at The Kinkaid School.

Seekers

Seekers will be joining Basic Bible Study this spring.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

Wednesday Evening Adult Lenten Series

"Bread That Lasts"

6:30 p.m. in Bagby Parish Hall and via Facebook and YouTube



Food is one of life's fundamentals. Scripture has a lot to say about food, both in terms of our relationship with it, our use of it and how it reflects something of our relationship with our Lord. This Lent series will reflect on the place of physical nourishment in our lives as disciples.

This week: "Seasons of Feasting and Fasting" with the Rev. Dr. Suse E. McBay

St. Martin's 20s & 30s will host a St. Patrick's Day Social Wednesday evening, March 17. Please contact the Rev. Alex D. Graham III for details by emailing agraham@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

Thursday Afternoon Adult Lenten Series

"Life's Unexpected Teachers"

4 p.m. in Bagby Parish Hall and via Zoom Webinar



Each week, one of our clergy will share their relationship with Jesus and where they've learned from surprising sources, from TV shows and movies to philosophers or writers. Come along and hear about how Jesus has worked through the unexpected!

This week: The Rev. Lisa R. Neilson

For more information about Adult Christian Education,
email Katwana Coleman at kcoleman@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUNDAY, MARCH 14



Children's Ministry has brand-new lessons, curriculum and content for both preschool and elementary school. We'll be sending out weekly emails with links to virtual Sunday school videos and parent leader guides.



For more information about Children's Ministry, email Holli Kight at hkight@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

7-1-7 STUDENTS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

Life Groups will not be offered this Wednesday due to Spring Break. We will resume next Wednesday, March 24.

For more information about 7-1-7 Students and to receive Zoom passcodes, email Student Ministries at students@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

HOLY EUCHARIST

VOLUNTARY “Nun Bitten Wir Heiligen Geist”

Dietrich Buxtehude

Kevin Riehle, Choral Director of Adult Choir

All stand following the greeting.

Begin on page 319 of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People: His mercy endureth for ever.

OPENING SENTENCE *(BCP p. 320)*

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8–9

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Minister says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Minister and People (BCP p. 331)

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest stands and says (BCP p. 321)

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

TRISAGION

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Title: The Holy Eucharist, Holy God: *Trisagion*; Music: Ver. *Hymnal* 1982, after Alexander Archangelsky (1846–1924).

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 218)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. (*kneel*)

The Celebrant says the Collect

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

HYMN 690 (vs. 1 and 3)

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

*Jan Cornelius LeClair, Brennan Blankenship, Ben LeClair,
Joel Williams, Annamarie Zmolek and Patrick Perez,
St. Martin's Parish Choir*



1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
 fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,
 lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to



Words: William Williams (1717–1791); tr. Peter Williams (1722–1796), alt.; Music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873–1932).

THE LESSON Ephesians 2:1–10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

HYMN 685 (vs. 1) “Rock of Ages”

1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
 2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,
 3 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,
 all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;
 when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,

be of sin the dou-ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.
 in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Words: Augustus Montague Toplady (1740–1778), alt.; Music: *Toplady*, Thomas Hastings (1784–1872).

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

THE GOSPELJohn 3:14–21

Jesus said, “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

HYMN 685 (vs. 3) “Rock of Ages”

1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
 2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,
 3 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

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Please be seated.

THE SERMON “All-in Christianity” The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.

THE NICENE CREED (*BCP p. 327*)

Celebrant and People

I believe in one God,
 the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of his Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father;
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation
 came down from heaven,
 and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the
 Virgin Mary,
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered and was buried;
 and the third day he rose again according to
 the Scriptures,
 and ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth on the right hand of the Father,
 and he shall come again, with glory,
 to judge both the quick and the dead;
 whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,
 who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
 who with the Father and the Son together
 is worshiped and glorified;
 who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy catholic and
 apostolic Church;

**I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission
of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(BCP p. 383, Form I) (kneel) (responsively)

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Anglican Communion; for the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin; for our Presiding Bishop, Michael; for all bishops, especially Andy, Jeff, Kai and Hector, Bishops of the Diocese; and for all clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, Joe, the Congress, the Courts, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially those in hospitals __, and those who have requested our prayers __, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For other concerns of our Parish, especially for all who serve in our armed forces and their families, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For peace throughout the world, especially in the Middle East, for the victims of terror attacks, and for the protection of our Christian brothers and sisters who face danger or persecution for their faith, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all the blessings of this life, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially __, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of Martin and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence

Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

Grant to thy people, O Lord, grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and in thy mercy graciously fulfill our petitions, through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

T H E P E A C E *(stand)*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

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WOMEN OF THE BIBLE

A special 4-episode mini series with Dr. Jean-Pierre Isbouts on his recent publication, “Women of the Bible,” in *National Geographic*. Some highlights include: Insights into the lives of women in biblical times, profiles of leading women in the Hebrew Bible and New Testament, and details of fascinating archaeological finds.



Visit bit.ly/smeclent
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Professor Isbouts is a humanities scholar, National Geographic author and award-winning filmmaker, specializing in the art and archaeology of the Near East and the Mediterranean Basin.

His website is jpisbouts.org.

NEW DATE

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2021
**OUTREACH
• TUESDAY •**

AT ST. MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A DAY OF SERVICE
TUESDAY, MARCH 16 | 3–5 P.M.

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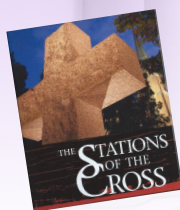
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THE **STATIONS
& OF THE
CROSS**

Wednesdays through March 31
11 a.m.–noon | The Church

No reservations required

Online via bit.ly/smeclent
Available through April 1



This free guide booklet is available to all those wishing to experience The Stations of the Cross. Copies can be picked up in the Narthex of The Church or downloaded from the St. Martin's Lent webpage above.

W E D N E S D A Y

Holy Eucharist

SERVICES DURING LENT

The Church

Noon: In person and on line
via YouTube and Facebook.

5:30 p.m.: In person only
(Recorded service from noon will be available online.)

Reservations are not required.

For more information, contact
Beth Ollenburger at 713-830-4146
or bollenburger@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



WEDNESDAY EVENING ADULT LENTEN SERIES



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17
"Seasons of Feasting and Fasting"
The Rev. Dr. Suse E. McBay

5–6:30 p.m., Boxed Dinners, Bagby Parish Hall*

6:30–7:30 p.m., Program, Bagby Parish Hall and Online

Reservations are required for the in-person meal and study. Reserve your spot beginning at 9 a.m. the Wednesday prior. Boxed meals are \$10. Register and pay at bit.ly/mar17wedlenten

Food is one of life's fundamentals. Scripture has a lot to say about food, both in terms of our relationship with it, our use of it and how it reflects something of our relationship with our Lord. This Lent series will reflect on the place of physical nourishment in our lives as disciples.

*Holy Eucharist is offered in The Church at 5:30 p.m. without reservations.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON ADULT LENTEN SERIES



Thursday, March 18
4–5 p.m.
The Rev. Lisa R. Neilson

Bagby Parish Hall and via Zoom Webinar
Reservations are required.
Register at bit.ly/smeclent

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Faith
in
LITERATURE

EVENING GROUP

7–8:30 p.m. | Tuesday, March 23

Zoom ID: 939 4938 1075

Passcode: 672036



The Faith in Literature group explores, discusses and makes relevant connections between faith and works of fiction, past and present. While operating within the framework of Christian theology, we seek to ascertain in our reading how all good literature, if even by its omission, deals with and reflects themes of faith.

For more information, contact Katwana Coleman at 713-830-4110
or kcoleman@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



PALM CROSS MAKING

Thursday, March 25

9 a.m.–3 p.m.

All are welcome to pick up palms and instructions on how to make palm crosses from the reception desk at the Student Life Center.

For more information, please
contact Barbara Piana at
bpiana@stmartinsepiscopal.org
or 713-830-4116.



**St. Martin's is
offering scholarships
for higher education
to our graduating
high school seniors.**

Applications can be found at stmartinsepiscopal.org/student-ministries. The submission deadline is Wednesday, April 7. Recipients will be informed Friday, April 30, and celebrated on Senior Recognition Sunday, May 9.

For more information, contact Florence Ritchie at 713-985-3843
or fritchier@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

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apratka@stmartinsepiscopal.org or 346-335-8658



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with questions or for assistance:
dhutchison@stmartinsepiscopal.org or 713-985-3803

THE OFFERTORY

AN THEM "Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake" Richard Farrant

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge. But forgive that is past and give us grace to amend our sinful lives, to decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee now and ever more. Amen.

Text: J. Bull, *Christian Prayers and Holy Meditations*.

AT THE PRESENTATION

DOXOLOGY *Gardiner*

All things are thine; no gift have we, Lord of all
gifts, to of - fer thee; And hence with grate - ful hearts to -
day Thine own be - fore thy feet we lay.

Text, John Greenleaf Whittier, 1872; Music, *Gardiner*, William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815; By permission of Houghton Mifflin Company.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(BCP p. 333) (stand)*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Celebrant and People

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord
God of hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of thy
glo - ry: Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the
Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - est.

John Merbecke, 1549. Copyright © 1940, 1943, 1961. The Church Pension Fund.

The Celebrant continues (BCP p. 334) (kneel)

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(BCP p. 336)*

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world,
have mer-cy up-on us. O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the
sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Lamb of God,
that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

John Merbecke, 1549. Copyright © 1940, 1943, 1961. The Church Pension Fund.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS *(BCP p. 337)*

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Celebrant says the Invitation. (BCP p. 338)

Please tell the priest administering Communion if you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

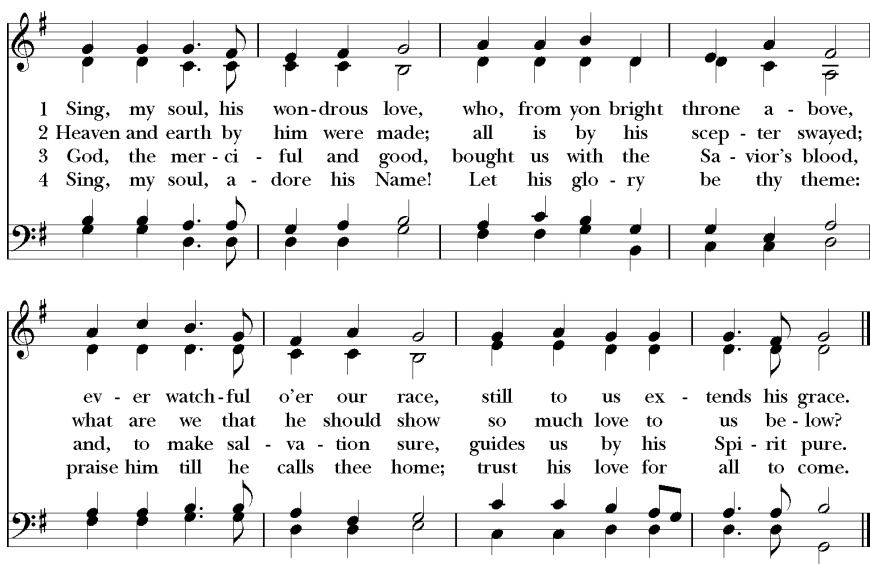
Let us pray. (BCP p. 339)

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

LENTEN BLESSING

Please be seated.

HYMN 467 (vs. 1, 3 and 4)..... "Sing, My Soul"



1 Sing, my soul, his won-drous love, who, from yon bright throne a - bove,
 2 Heaven and earth by him were made; all is by his scep - ter swayed;
 3 God, the mer - ci - ful and good, bought us with the Sa - vior's blood,
 4 Sing, my soul, a - dore his Name! Let his glo - ry be thy theme:

ev - er watch-ful o'er our race, still to us ex - tends his grace.
 what are we that he should show so much love to us be - low?
 and, to make sal - va - tion sure, guides us by his Spi - rit pure.
 praise him till he calls thee home; trust his love for all to come.

Words: Anon., 1800, alt.; Music: *St. Bees*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823–1876).

THE DISMISSAL

A Minister says the dismissal

People: Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

RECOGNITIONS



SYMPATHY

March 3 Mary Louise Emrich

To mark a special occasion with an altar greenery dedication, visit bit.ly/ChurchFlowers or contact Barbara Piana at 713-830-4116.

SERMON NOTES

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Individuals are included on the *Continuing Prayers* list for numerous reasons, some of which may include recovery from illness, thanksgiving or need for support for special ministry and mission. In addition to praying for participants in cancer support groups, the Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group and The Gathering, this week please pray for the following:

Bobbie Adams	Walesk Harvey	Fran Neilson
Michael Adams	Susie Hatfield	Ann Nelson
Bill Allen	Elizabeth Hill	Rick Noble
Harvey Altmann	Mollie Hill	Benice Nwabueze
Robert Avery	Jeff Holden	Judy and Jay O'Connor
Shelly Bain	Elizabeth Holderfield	Jim Paddock
Jack Beeson	Britt Huckaby	Randal Parrott
Alli Blackman	Ben Hunter	Rebecca Parsons
Michele Bouchard	Debra Ibarra Mayfield	Erin Pedigo
John and Dianne Brock III	Wanda Jacobs	Troy Phillips
Brock Burns	Brittney Jacobson	Jimmy Prentice
Jane Cabes	John Jamail	Ophelia Pujol
Elaine Chandler	Shirlee Jamail	Caroline Rawl
Elinor Christian	Joyce Janak	David Reese
Higdon Compton, Jr.	Connie Jessen	Robert Rosales
Beth Costa	Helen Joyner	David and Clare Sackllah
Gail Davis	Muriel Kearby Albaral	Tracy and Jimmy Sackllah
Mac Davis	Gene Kindrachuk	Brady Samuelson
Sue Davis	Sadie Knutzen	Jim Sanitato
Tommy W. Davis	Paige Laird	Ellie Schilling
Bobby deSosa	Wallis Larocque	Pam Schubert
Betty DeVerter	Amy Lee	Robert and Sylvia Seals
Chase Dixon	Stan Leong	Janell Sewell
Nancy Doss	Shawn Levenson	Helen and Jim Shaffer
Jeff Dykes	Nancy Liles	Clif Shoemake
Jim Easterling	Martha Ann Linden	Frances Smith
Stacey Elliott	Alex Litchfield	Pat Smith
E.J. Farhood	Roberta Lloyd	Tyler Smith
Gil Forcade	Ryan Logan	William Gilbert Smith
Matt Fryar	Charlie Malone	Matthew Snellgrove
Lauren Furr	Jaclyn Manning	Bob Spencer
Brad Gallion	Jeffrey Martinson	Ron Sponberg
Robbie Gay	BD McAndrew	Sybil Stephens
Max Goodloe	John McMahan	Jim Stokes
Steve and Amy Gula	Michelle McStravick	Paul Stumpff
Gladys Halbouty	Hal Means	Marjorie Taishoff Craig
Tish Hale	Len Menefee	Paul Therrien
Melinda Hall	Mary Kay Mohrmann	Bart Tomlinson

Please be advised that we will be updating the Continuing Prayers list twice a year in the months before Easter and All Saints' Day. Names will remain on the prayer list for six months. To put someone on the Continuing Prayers list, please contact Cyndy Ensign at 713-985-3808 or censign@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Randy Vander Naillen	Bruce	Marilyn
Mae Joyce Wagner	Caroline	Mark
Alexander Wang	Casa San Martin, Bolivia	Matthew
Becky Wareing	Curt	Millie
Charles Warren	Elizabeth	Noble Family
Mary Waters	Henry	Oran
Karen Weber	Jane	Patsy
Derry Wilkens	John and Lisa	RC
James Wilkerson	Karen	Sally
Tim Womack	Kathleen	Thomas
Eric Zoerb	Kathryn	Wang family
Ben	Laura	
Betsey	Luke	

Names we have received of those in the Armed Forces:

SSgt Clint Bahme	LCDR Bradley Ryan	Lt. Holly E. Pace
Lt. Col. Julian Benton	Hoffman	Lt. Paul Piana
1st Lt. Benjamin Brown	Capt. Cody Horr	LCMR David A. Pilko
Lt. Col. Chris Davis	Maj. Wesley J. Hunnell	Maj. Thomas Cook Plant
Wesley Dodd	Dallas Wayne Hunter	E-4 Brian Matthew Powell
James Drury III	Staton Jobe	PFC Joel Rowell
James Eilers	Lt. Cmdr. Kory Krebs	Maj. Christian Schleider
Capt. Dom Flatt	Krystal Martinez	1st Lt. Grant Suter
Nathan Fordice	PV2 Wills Masterson	1st Lt. Luke Voss
1st Lt. Will Golinkin	1st Lt. Ben Matthews	

Please circle the name of any loved one that you would like to remain on our Continuing Prayer list, tear out this sheet of your bulletin and place it in the Prayer List box in the Narthex. You may also email Cyndy Ensign at censign@stmartinsepiscopal.org with this information. Your assistance in maintaining our prayer list is most appreciated.

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